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I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to the WVLA Conference to be held in Huntington at the Radisson Hotel. I have many good memories of Huntington. I see some programs which interest me and I don't want to miss a reception at the Huntington Museum of Art. The librarian there, Chris Hatten, has been a big help to me with West Virginia Libraries. Huntington (the Western District) has a great collection of librarians. Many of them are very active in WVLA.

ALA in New Orleans was a learning experience for me. I attended the editor's discussion group and met those who do something similar to what I do. Some states have gone to monthly newsletters and others are continuing with journals. We shared our problems and agreed to continue meeting. There was quite an interest in soliciting manuscripts, desktop publishing, theme issues, as well as loss of indexing for the smaller states. We swapped ideas as well as issues.

Otherwise, I was overwhelmed by the displays, bedazzled by the variety of programs, impressed by the celebrities and exhausted by the pace. I met and shook hands with the Librarian of Congress and the President of World Book. As a reference librarian, I raided tables for information on all kinds of subjects and especially enjoyed the tables set out for small presses. Probably my most lasting impression of my first ALA was how organized it was. With 15,000 librarians on hand, it was amazing how easy it was to get things done. There were daily updates of activities, lists posted of those registered, hand-outs from all of the programs, a post-office for those who couldn't carry everything back, as well as great transportation via shuttle buses to all of the meeting sites. But, then, librarians earn a living helping people find things, it would only make sense that at their conference, your informational needs are anticipated.

---Yvonne Farley







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October is here and with the changing of seasons also comes changes in the leadership of this association. I have been privileged over the past year to work with an executive board that exemplified the spirit of cooperation and unity of purpose. Each and every member of that board has used his/her particular area of expertise to represent the needs of WVLA's varied membership. On a personal level, this has been a whirlwind year trying to maintain continuity at my regular job, taking on additional responsibilities within the association, running a small farm, and coping with all the joys of being a first-time father. 1987 and 1988 are certainly years that will never be forgotten.

One of the chief functions of WVLA is to keep the needs of libraries of all types constantly before the groups that determine our collective fates. I think we have done that this year through contacts with the Chancellor of the Board of Regents and with the State Superintendent of Schools, through programs and workshops to help Trustess and Friends groups do a more effective job, through grass-roots efforts by the membership, and by presenting ourselves as a united organization.

Members have had a number of opportunities to enhance their skills and gain new knowledge by attending workshops through the year sponsored by the various sections. Several sections worked together to develop these sessions so there was a good "mix" of attendees. The School Section in particular worked with the West Virginia Educational Media Association (WVEMA) on a joint workshop which certainly helped strengthen ties between the two organizations.

The Annual Conference program is at long last "nailed down" and ready to go. The conference committee hopes that the program offers something for everyone and that the social activities will provide ample opportunities to renew old friendships and develop new ones. Lots of work goes into planning one of these conferences, and there are many people who give of their time and considerable talents. While at the conference look at the list of members of the conference committee and give a word of thanks to these folks when you meet them; that kind of personal acknowledgement is the best form of recompense these people can receive for their efforts.

Huntington plans to roll out the carpet for WVLA members and I hope to see you there.

----Jim Fields  
WVLA President

From the President's Desk



## ALA COUNCILOR'S REPORT

### 1988 SUMMER CONFERENCE

This Councilor's report was written by Matt Onion who attended all the Council sessions. I attended only the first as I was leaving for vacation --- did everyone know I went to Australia and New Zealand? I will be glad to report on that trip and my adventures to whomever asks. Anyway, more seriously, here is Matt's report of happenings at ALA Council meetings during the 1988 Summer Conference in New Orleans. -- Judy Rule

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While a majority of ALA members accessed New Orleans' beautiful sights and numerous diversions, those members of council grappled with access to information issues. All three Council meetings at this year's annual conference were dominated by reports, debate, and subsequent action on a host of freedom of access-based questions.

Discussion centered in particular on the recently brought to light F.B.I. library awareness program -- an effort undertaken by the bureau to enlist public and academic library personnel nationwide in helping to monitor and report use of "sensitive" research materials by foreign nationals or their representatives -- and to a lesser degree on the report by the Special Committee on Freedom and Equality of Access to information.

Intellectual Freedom Committee Chairman, James Schmidt, updated members of Council on the current status of the F.B.I. program in its committee's report. In addition, Schmidt requested executive board approval of a supplementary budget request to allow ALA representatives to travel to Washington to meet with the bureau director. Council lent further support to the IFC chairman's efforts by passing a resolution to file a Freedom of Information Act suit in order to gain access to censored sections of transcript of a January 14, 1988 meeting between the F.B.I. and the National Commission on Library and Information Services on the L.A.P. program.

Council overwhelmingly voted to accept J. Dennis Day's Special Committee on Access to Information Report. Written in direct follow-up to the 1985-published Lacy Report, this document recommended formation of a standing committee of Council for the express purpose of restructuring portions of ALA's organization to better confront access to information issues. Furthermore, such a committee could direct ALA policy development into the relatively new information access arenas of database access charging, protection of electronically transmitted information, and government security classification of scientific and technical information.

The proposed committee would be made up of a cross section of the ALA unit representatives with a demonstrated access savvy and would include as amended to the special committee's report, an ex-officio member from the Minority Concerns Committee of Council.

ALA COUNCILOR'S REPORT, Continued

Additional legislative action by Council included:

\*Approval of a new appointment process for filling vacancies on the ALA Executive Board; such a process would allow greater opportunity to more Council members seeking to run for various board offices.

\*Passage of a resolution previously adopted by the American Association of School Librarians Board stating that the M.L.S. degree from an ALA-accredited program, or a master's degree with a specialty in school library media from an institution accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education is the appropriate professional degree for school library media specialists.

\*Passage of a resolution against mandatory drug testing for librarians as a condition of employment.

\*Acceptance of ALA's Minority Concerns Committee report which called for a review of the current Library Bill of Rights during the next fiscal year so as to include those concepts of freedom of access to information and librarians without limitation by language or status.

\*Passage of a resolution to publish minimum salary levels by region of the U.S. in all ALA-published job listings as recommended by the state library associations within those regions; to make available such salary guidelines available to any placement service by ALA and its units; to appoint a task force to recommend ways ALA could support the state associations in their efforts to set minimum salary standards.

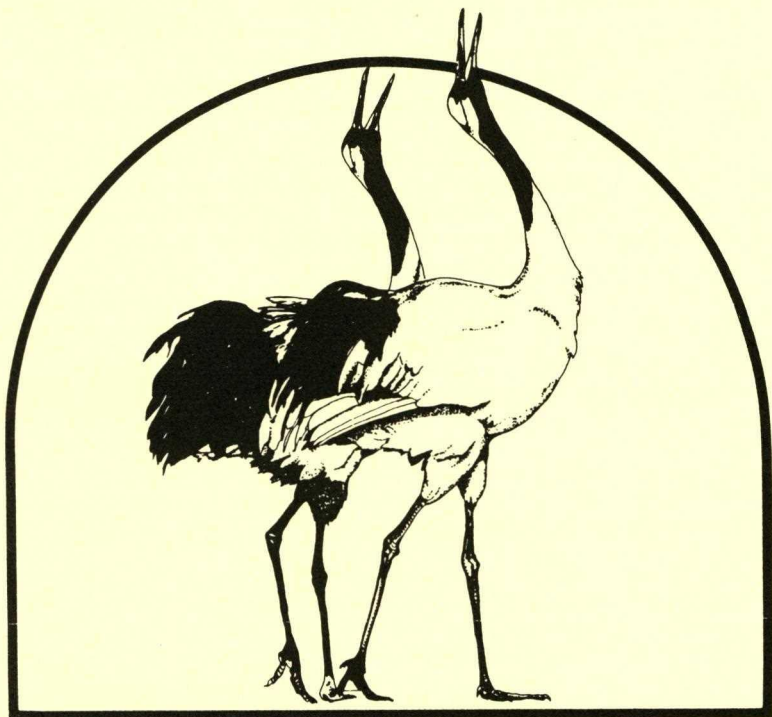
ALA councilors, even official "stand-ins", are faced with a hundredweight of committee reports, hearing transcripts, and Council documents while serving on this legislative body. Like all legislatures, Council moves at its own pace and its members labor mightily to cope with the load of association business over the brief conference period. Simply sitting in on all three meetings of Council provided one with a deeper understanding of ALA's inner workings, an immediate recognition of its movers and shakers, and a sincere appreciation for the efforts of those members of council who represent the various state chapters. Chapter members make up the largest voting block on Council and serve a definite regional constituency on a national level.

If WVLA members have specific questions on ALA Council action at the '88 conference, please feel at liberty to contact either me or Judy Rule.

----Matt Onion  
Cabell County Public Library

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## BOOK REVIEWS



CRUM. By Lee Maynard. Washington Square Press. \$6.95. 189 p.  
Reviewed by Rick Wilson

If books came with warning labels, this one would be decorated like a five star general's uniform at a 4th of July parade. Or, if it were a movie, it would come with at the very least a very bold faced capital R rating. This first novel by native West Virginian Lee Maynard has been called by one reviewer "an Appalchian Catcher in the Rye." A darkly comic Appalachian "Porky's," however, would be closer to the mark.

It will come to no surprise to those who read this novel that it caused quite a stir among the good people of Wayne county when it appeared in June, with most of the stir being of the negative variety. A particularly sore point is that Maynard, who grew up in Wayne County and lived for a time in Crum, didn't bother to change the name of the place.

The narrator, a teenager who perhaps like the author dreamed of nothing but escape from Crum, does not look back in fondness. Here is his description of the town from the first page of the book:

"Crum-unicorporated" the road sign said at the edge of town. It should have said "unnecessary." The place is located deep in the bowels of the Appalachians, on the bank of the Tug River, the urinary tract of the mountains.

The narrator goes on to describe life there as "one gay, mad whirl of abject ignorance, emotions spilling over emotions, sex spilling over love, and sometimes blood spilling over everything." To the narrator, the only thing worse than Crum and its inhabitants were the mysterious Kentuckians across the river who reportedly had a fondness for performing unspeakable acts with pigs.

The novel is really more of a series of episodes containing the adventures of the narrator and his accomplices. "Accomplices" is a key word here, for although the characters in the book are thrown together by fate and spent their time in mischief together, no real friendships develop. The work's unifying thread is the narrator's desire to escape Crum. Still, the book has its moments, as the characters cope with boredom by robbing the meat truck from Huntington, exposing themselves to passengers on a Greyhound bus, incurring the wrath of a fire-and-brimstone preacher, attending hog killings, and bartering for sex.

The book is unquestionable funny in a rough, carnal way, and the reader may often laugh out loud at the antics. But overshadowing the humor is an overall sense of gloom, uselessness, and unredeemed ugliness. Was it justified, of is ugliness, like beauty, in the eye of the beholder? I grew up in a small West Virginia town not much bigger than the Crum of the novel (although, alas, not quite as carnal). True, there was ignorance, a share of gloom, and some occasional ugliness, but it was not altogether unredeemed. To hate the town



you grow up in is the right and duty of every alienated teenager; to understand and appreciate it is the right and duty of the adult. Maynard's perspective in Crum is strictly adolescent.

For all that, I'd still recommend the book for state public libraries. Be prepared, however, for an occasional earful from those who are easily offended.

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VENUE. The Appalachian Literary League, Charleston WV, 1988.  
Reviewed by Yvonne Farley

In Michael Pauley's forward to Venue he explains why this publication is so important, i.e. that in the 1970s there was an Appalachian literary renaissance of sorts which by the 1980s had all but disappeared. People were still writing, he says, but the publications where work by Appalachian writers could be read had slowed to a trickle. The appearance of Venue at this time is encouraging, a revival after a long silence. It's also encouraging because Venue contains work by the best writers in the region and they are alive and well.

Most all the writers and poets in this issue have published nationally over the years and are well-known to those who follow the literary scene: Bob Henry Baber, Bob Snyder, Joe Barrett, Pete Laska, Kirk Judd, or Paul Curry Steele -- to list a few. Three poets not considered Appalachian also contributed to this publication: Allen Ginsburg, Michael McClure and Gary Snyder. Poet Rebecca Spencer of Nicholas County, West Virginia, appears in print for the first time in this anthology.

I was not suprised that Allen Ginsburg has contributed a poem to this collection for he seems to have a spiritual fondness for West Virginia. He's been here several times to lecture, read and teach meditation. His poem "On Cremation of Chögyam Trungpa, Vidyandara" is about the death of his guru.

"I noticed the grass, I noticed the hills, I noticed the highways,  
I noticed the dirt road, I noticed the cars in roads in the parking lot  
I noticed ticket takers, I noticed cash and checks & cards,  
I noticed buses, noticed mourners, I noticed their children in red  
dresses"

On he goes in the "first thought/best thought" way of Ginsburg. We are ever near to his mind. I liked this poem.

Pete Laska, who now lives in Morgantown, is a West Virginia native who grew up in Farmington. He was for **several years editor** of The Unrealist, a leading literary magazine and his first book, D.C. Images & Other Poems, was nominated for a National Book Award. A poet/philosopher, Pete's background and great intellect interact in a marvelous way. The results are usually astringent poetry about American reality. I liked all three poems in this issue, including "Outmigration Time Again" which tells about talking with an

old high school buddy who leans across the pumps at the Exxon station and asks Laska "Why'd the Hell'd you come back here for? There's no work here. The mines are closed." Later, Laska reflects on the way that the past here comes to mind repeatedly and that "only the questions are new - the rest is repetition, the past returning, in violation of the contract to lie quietly in the past and leave us alone." Laska has a way of staying on the pain and reality (or unreality) of Appalachian working class life which reminds us of what we know to be happening.

Bob Baber has done much to promote Appalachian literature over the years - including the hosting of the annual Baber Mountain poetry reading near Richwood. (If you want a feel for that event, read Bob Snyder's "After the Reading" which is a prose account of the day after.) Baber has long had a clever and funny style. The ones in this issue are sadder -- especially the "belated poem for my wife" and the one about his daughter entitled "Ciara."

Joe Barrett has the poet's gift for pulling feeling out of experience and recreating it with a few words. For example: "the dying salesman kicks the gravel of his coronary morning" or "by now through broken promise the snow is blowing." Barrett is a romantic who has written about the death of a lover in "An Oxford Romance Elegy."

I could go on and on, but there's not enough space to review each poet and writer. It is important to say that the quality of this publication is high and the writing is as good as you will find anywhere. It is a must for the libraries in this state. The editors of this issue -- Joe Barrett, Joanie Barrett and Mike Pauley --- deserve credit for the care and precision with which Venue was produced. It looks good -- not the flimsy printing and binding which often comes with works produced on small presses. I particularly liked Joanie Barrett's drawing of Rimbaud on the cover. As librarians, I think it's important that we support efforts such as Venue and help make the work available to our publics. Too often, especially in West Virginia literature, we stick to the safe and stodgy poetry of stereotype because we don't know good poetry when we see it. This is the real thing! Michael Pauley says that Venue is already in its second printing. You can order it from: Venue, 4651 Victoria Rd., Big Tyler Mountain, Charleston, WV 25313.

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ADVENTURES IN WEST VIRGINIA: Day Trips & Longer Travels. By Ellen S. Wilkerson and Ann W. Stowers. Aegina Press, Inc., Huntington, WV 1988, \$9.95.

Reviewed by Yvonne Farley

I've already got an idea for a great Christmas present --- this book by WVLA board member Ellen S. Wilkerson and her family. In fact, gift wrapping is available. This is the book for anyone who is interested in West Virginia. Even the long time resident will find places he or she has not visited. And, even if one has been there, there are tidbits included in this book which may be new. As stated in the introduction, it is hoped that this guidebook might encourage people to try new things.

Everything is here --- the state parks, the racetracks, the clothing out-



lets, malls, restaurants, ski resorts, and special events. Among them, Ellen Wilkerson's family managed to spend many days and weekends touring the state and writing up descriptions of their experiences. Each entry has a brief description of the place or event, the location, the hours, a place to write or call for further information, and details about handicapped accessibility.

There are a lot of nice details here -- a reminder to ask at Panther State Forest when you get there how it got its name, a tactfully worded paragraph explaining that the authors did not eat at New Vrindaban because it's restaurant has in the past been cited by public health authorities for health code violations, or that Sharon Rockefeller once remarked that "you haven't lived until you've heard 'Big Wheels' on marble floors" at the Governor's mansion in Charleston. I laughed when I read the entry for the Grave Creek Mound Park. Under "added bonus" is the comment, "The museum and mound are directly across the street from the stark gray state penitentiary. Just seeing the outside of the place should make youngsters toe the line." Having visited Grave Creek with a nine-year-old son, I can agree.

Naturally, when you get hold of a book like this, you look up the places you know well. I found one mistake this way --- a description of the drive up West Virginia Route 2 which confuses St. Marys with Sistersville. The Wells Inn and the gracious old homes are in Sistersville, not St. Marys. As a St. Marys native, I've spent my life telling people I'm from there, having them say that they've been there and how pretty it is, and then after hearing the description, gently pointing out that they are talking about Sistersville. It's the pretty little Ohio River town. St. Marys, alas, is the one with the four lane highway through it.

Still, this will be a popular book in libraries --- both for those who travel and for the West Virginia history students who will use it for projects and reference work. There's a great index and a regional appendix. Ms. Wilkerson has not been around librarians without having something rub off. To order copies of Adventures in West Virginia, send \$9.95 plus \$1.60 per copy for postage and handling to: Adventure Publications, 9 Quail Cove Road, Charleston, West Virginia 25314. Make checks payable to Adventure Publications. West Virginia residents, please include sales tax of \$.60 per book. When ordering, please print your name, address, and zip code and indicate how many copies you wish to order. All copies will be sent to the same address unless otherwise specified. If you wish to enclose your own gift card with the book, please write the name of the recipient on the outside of the envelop, enclose with the order, and it will be included with the gift. Allow four weeks for delivery. If you want it gift wrapped, add \$.50 per copy.

This is the insider's book --- written by a family which has a feeling for West Virginia and knows it well. The reason for writing it -- to let everyone know what a "beautiful, varied, historic and friendly state we have" is a good one. Keep this guide in the glove compartment.

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THE TRAIN TO LULU'S. By Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard. Bradbury Press Picture Book, \$13.95.

Written by a WVU professor & former children's librarian. To be reviewed in the winter issue.

## THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

By Sue P. Forrest

Director of Information Services

West Virginia College of Graduate Studies

A most rewarding experience for those of us who have been in college and university library work for a long time, is seeing the final products of our labor in the research writings and publications of our faculty and students. When a student shows us his or her "A" term paper or a faculty member gives us special thanks in the Acknowledgement section of his or her new book, we glow. That is what library service is all about.

At the end of our long hot summer, several graduate students were winding up their school psychology master's degree program of forty-five credit hours at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies with their thesis defenses. The defenses are usually held in a small departmental conference room and are always open to those interested in observing. The staff of information services (formerly library services) hosted one of the defenses in a large conference room in the library in order for all to witness the final defense presentation. The thesis committee chair, Dr. David Wilburn, agreed to the arrangement.

The young lady who presented the thesis defense was a very special student. We had watched Sarah Kendall grow over six years from a shy freshman to a competent researcher. She also worked as a graduate assistant and spent many extra hours with us in addition to those spent in her literature review.

At the early hour of 8:30 a.m., Ms. Kendall, her three committee members, a couple of supportive classmates, and fifteen library staff members convened. With coffee and juice to get us going, the chairman introduced Ms. Kendall. Her presentation carefully and studiously built the rationale for her research study, then described the case and the results. Dr. Wilburn gave his colleagues their chance to ask questions and then opened the floor to audience questions. After a grueling hour and one half exchange, Dr. Wilburn excused all but the committee. Ms. Kendall's excellent presentation left little doubt of their approval. We all breathed a sigh of relief.

Witnessing the final product of a diligent graduate student's course of study made all of our efforts to have supportive materials and information available worthwhile. We all felt we played a part in the development of an inquiring mind with a basic core of knowledge ready to join the professional work world.



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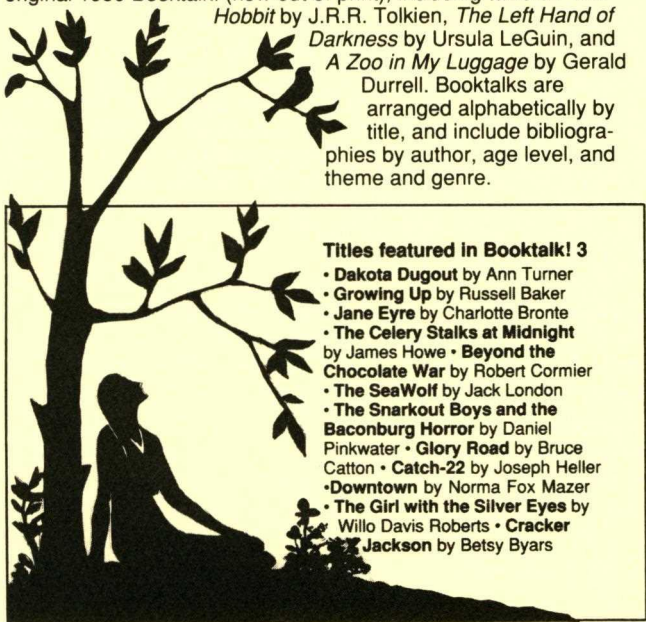
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#### LEVY PASSES IN MARION COUNTY

Despite the generally bleak financial picture in West Virginia, the voters of Marion County turned out to support their three libraries, passing an excess levy by 72 percent of the vote. The levy, held on May 10th, 1988, guarantees continued funding at slightly higher than current levels. The successful passage of the levy was due

in no small part to the efforts of the Friends groups at each of the three branches.

Finally, progress has been made in the construction of a handicapped access ramp for the Fairmont Branch. The building, which dates to 1911, has long been inaccessible because of the imposing marble steps which lead to the entranceway. In May of this year, the Junior League of Fairmont donated \$5000 towards the goal of accessibility. The money hopefully will cover the majority of costs associated with the project. The library is in the process of soliciting bids and hopes to complete the work before winter.

--Lois Thompson, Director  
Marion County Public Library

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#### WHOSE IDEA WAS THIS, ANYWAY?

It seemed like a good idea: a meeting at North Bend State Park for all the Alpha Regional librarians, with representatives from the Library Commission, to discuss the revised annual report form. Think of it -- a day off from the usual humdrum of work, spent in the idyllic setting of one of West Virginia's beautiful state parks.

It should have been an omen - a dead giveaway for what lay ahead, by virtue of the meeting being called for a Monday morning on the hottest day of the year. But Alpha librarians are trusting souls. Our arrival at the Park that fateful Monday morning was uneventful, until we discovered we couldn't meet in the conference room! It was full of Pizza Hut managers! Undaunted, the friendly staff at the park offered us one of the cabins for our meeting. Our convoy merrily set off for Cabin #6 (later to be known as famed "Bear Cabin.")

As we approached the cabin, we wondered if it would have all the comforts like air-conditioning. (Remember, it was the hottest day of the year!) We circled cabins #1 through #5, desperately searching the exterior walls for evidence of air conditioning. As we arrived at Bear Cabin, the terrible truth emerged. Not even a window fan was to be seen.

Our fearless leaders, Dave Childers and Shirley Smith, had a hurried conference and decided we would meet outside on the shady deck. But there were no tables or chairs or chalkboards or extension cords. Dave calmly called the lodge and arranged for these items to be sent over. An hour later, when they arrived and we got set up to begin, it was starting to get a little hot and



sunny on the shady deck. We Alpha librarians breezed through the morning session, confident that things would improve after a lunch break back at the lodge in air conditioning.

As we returned to the cabin for our afternoon session, we notice immediately, being librarians and very observant, that the shady deck was now under full, relentless attack from the sun. After another consultation by Dave and Shirley, it was decided that we would move all the tables, chairs, chalkboards, calculators, extension cords, ledgers, reports, and purses around to the now shaded, but stifling hot, side deck. After this was accomplished and we settled down to work, one astute observer noticed that not a single person had remembered to bring cold drinks back from the lodge for the afternoon. But, Shirley didn't let us down. She rose to the occasion and hurriedly madeiced tea in the cabin's kitchen with the leftovers from morning coffee break. Just as she was serving the tea, the first rain that any of us had seen in two months began to fall on our shady deck, and everywhere else, including our reports, ledgers, and calculators. Fortunately the deck had an overhang which was just wide enough to cover us as we pulled our chairs under it, clutching our most important papers in our laps.

Needless to say, the meeting ended shortly after that, but not before each and every Alpha librarian had a full understanding of the revised annual report form. Thanks, Dave and Shirley, for a truly memorable day!

---Charlotte Caley  
Alpha Regional Library

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#### MEETING THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR

Rebecca D'Annunzio, first vice-president of WVLA and Merle Moore, Director of the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library welcomed His Excellency Ambassador Herman Dehennin of Belgium to Clarksburg on July 15, 1988.

The ambassador was on hand for the autographing and distribution of Dr. Fred Barkey's book Cinderheads in the Hills: Belgian Window Glass Workers in West Virginia. Over two hundred Belgian and French descendants and their friends were guests of the Friends of the Library. Barbara Wacowski, president of the Friends, said that it was one of the most successful events of the year and that "It was a great honor to have the Ambassador and his wife as our guests."

Dr. Barkey, who teaches at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, is well-known for his work and interest in labor history. The book is available from Dr. Barkey at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, Institute, West Virginia, 25112.



Shown above are (left to right) Merle Moore, Director of the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, His Excellency Ambassador Herman Dehennin of Belgium and Rebecca D'Annunzio, first vice-president of WVLA in a July reception for Fred Barkey's book. (story on the previous page)

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#### RAVENSWOOD SCOUT MOVES MILLSTONES

A piece of history has been added to the decor of the two libraries in Jackson County.

Two large millstones were placed in front of the Ravenswood library and two were placed in front of the Ripley library. The milestones came compliments of Scott Hartley and his Eagle Scout project. The four large stones, each weighing more than two tons, came from the former Crow Summit Quarry, owned by the Ford family. A plaque will be placed at each library dedicating Hartley's project to Myrtle Ford.

Ed Rauh, county librarian, had hoped someday to place millstones at the libraries as a historical reminder of an early industry, but moving in two-ton pieces was not an easy task. The stones were recovered from an old quarry atop a hill east of Ravenswood. They were taken out with a bulldozer and hydraulic lifter truck. Hartley first had to move the existing shrubs at the libraries and prepare an area to place the stones. Also on display at the Ravenswood Library is an old piece of equipment that was used in the quarries to move heavy stones. It will also become part of the permanent historical display.







WORM RACE KICKS OFF READING PROGRAM AT PUTNAM LIBRARY

(Reprinted from the Charleston Gazette)

By Amy Neal, Staff Writer

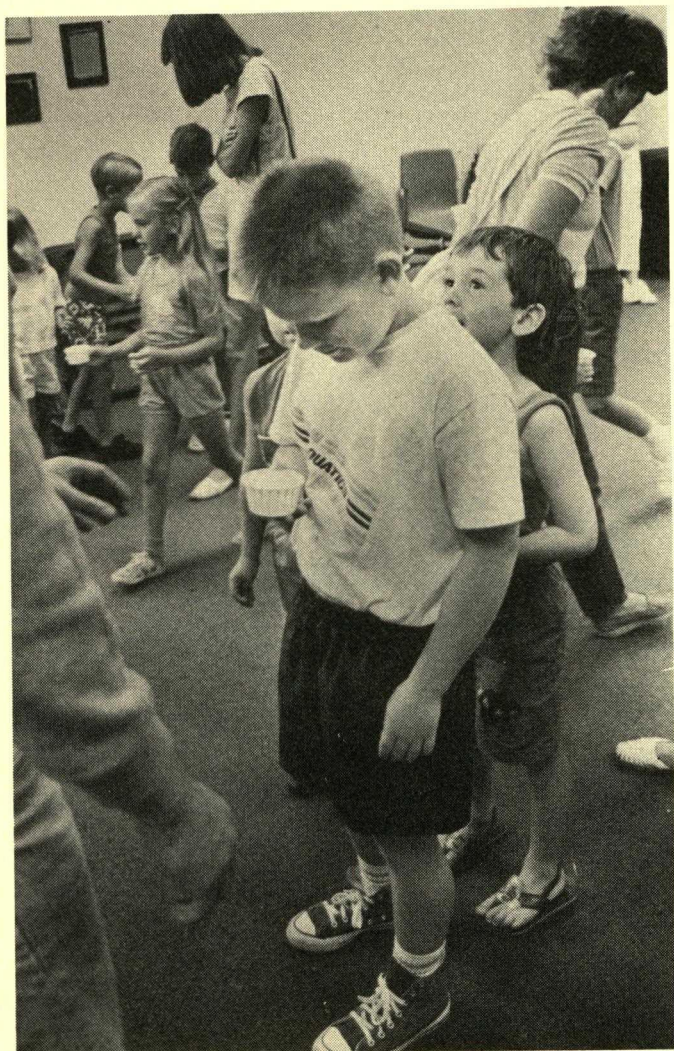
WINFIELD-- It was a perfect day for a race. The early summer weather lent its clear sky and warm temperature to the excitement of the event. Organizers of the race decided, however, to hold the second annual worm race indoors because of the heat.

"We fried some worms last year," laments Hans, a librarian in charge of the race. "We had the worm commission on our backs." And so the children gathered at the Putnam County Library to kick off the summer reading program raced their worms in a conference room.



At left, characters Hans and Frans (characters from "Saturday Night Live") instruct children in how to PUMP their worms up.

Above, children cheer their worms to victory. (Photos by Amy Neal)



The wrinkled earthworms were named and passed out in small paper cups. Some children's faces were twisted in disgust. Others were clearly thrilled to dangle a long red worm in their friend or mother's face. The excitement began to build as the rules were explained: "All the worms have to start in the middle of the circle," Hans said. "Worms are not too smart, you tell them to make a left and they don't understand. The first one that crawls to the outside of the circle is the winner. You have to keep track of your own worm. You have to cheer for them. Motivate them. You have to really PUMP him up."

That's what Hans and Frans (popular characters from Saturday Night Live)



## LIBRARY NEWS, Continued

are trying to do for children this summer at the library, beginning with the worm race. "We are here to PUMP you up about the library," Frans says. She explained that different activities are designed to draw children into the library and motivate them to read books.

The general theme of the reading program was "Catch the Crook", a board game that could be played each time children brought books back. If the child succeeded in "catching" the concealed crook, he was eligible to draw prizes from the library's treasure chest.

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### CAMPAIGN CORNER AND RAISIN READERS IN CHAPMANVILLE

The Chapmanville Public Library went all out in the Campaign Corner for the primary election this past spring. Shown below are patriotic librarians (left to right) Pat Abbott and Judy Sansom.



## LIBRARY NEWS, Continued

The summer reading program at Chapmanville was entitled "Raisin Readers" and as the photo below illustrates, Judy Sansom constructed a fantastic display. As an incentive for the children to sign up, a miniature box of raisins was given to each participant when registering. Then, for each five books read, the children could earn a free Hardees "Twist", a free Kid's Meal at Wendy's and as a final grand prize for 20 books read, they received a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut.

The gift certificates were "bummed" by the director, Judy Browning, who says she would like to thank all the participating restaurants.



### DINOSAURS TO CONTROL WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES NEXT SUMMER

By Jim Horan, Member of Interest Group for Youth  
Subgroup of Public Library Section, WVLA

Plastic bank cards. Microwaves. VCR's. Fast food. 1989 Summer Reading.

What do they have in common? They are changing life as we know it.

If you are still recovering from the 1988's Summer Reading Program, you may be delighted to know that plans are afoot to offer a coordinated, state-wide summer reading program for 1989. Members of the Interest Group for Youth (IGY), a subgroup of the Public Library Section of WVLA, in cooperation with Fred Glazer, State Librarian, are doing the preliminary planning but we need



the help of librarians across West Virginia.

IGY is working to produce a pre-planned and packaged Summer Reading Program, incorporating a dinosaur theme and adaptable to every location.

"Librarians will not only learn how to pronounce the names of all the dinosaurs as easily as the three year olds do," said Daisy Stemple, a member of IGY, "but the enthusiasm of the children for the program also will make for an exciting summer."

The West Virginia Library Commission's Support Services Division, headed by artist David Martin, will produce the graphics to compliment the theme. High quality posters, bookmarks, buttons, certificates, etc. will be available for purchase by early February. While the enticement of superior graphics may be enough for most libraries to sign-up, there is more.

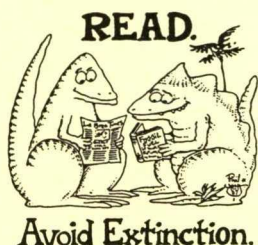
The package will include a manual to help librarians implement the program. It will offer suggestions for displays, programs, bulletin boards, and activities as well as media materials, school and parent letters and clip art.

To make a statewide dinosaur summer reading program a success, IGY needs your help. Ideas for slogans, programs, contests, displays, promotions etc. are needed. All suggestions will be considered for inclusion in the program manual.

A discussion of the 1989 Summer Reading Program is planned for the Fall WVLA Conference in Huntington in a workshop scheduled for 11 a.m. to noon on Friday, October 14th. The workshop is entitled "Poster Session on Programming Ideas for Children and Young Adults."

Ideas should be submitted to IGY by October 10th. The name of anyone who submits an idea for the program manual will be entered into a drawing for a stuffed dinosaur for your library --- to get your 1989 Summer Reading Program off to a colorful start! A mailing to update librarians about the plans will be sent to all public libraries in the state after the WVLA Conference.

Send ideas to: Jim Horan, IGY, Cabell County Public Library, 455 9th Street Plaza, Huntington, West Virginia 25701.





## LIBRARY CENTER FOR EARLY BOOKS

Marshall's James E. Morrow Library has been designated an Early English Books Research Center by University Microfilms International of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

As one of approximately 65 libraries throughout the country honored for support of the UMI English Book Series, the university was presented a plaque and certificate of merit.

The series involves microfilming of nearly every book printed in Great Britain from 1475 to 1640, and English-language books published in Great Britain and North America from 1641 to 1700.

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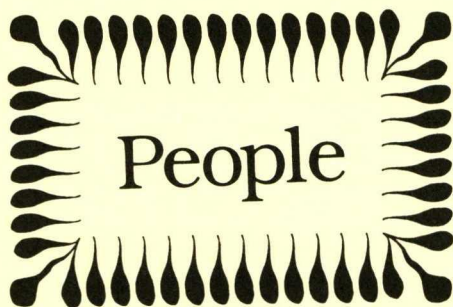
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#### ALPHA REGIONAL SAYS GOODBYE TO TWO LIBRARIANS

June 30, 1988, was a day of very mixed feelings for the librarians of Alpha Region, for that was the day we had to say "goodbye" to two of our finest librarians. These two wonderful friends and co-workers gave the libraries in their respective counties 44 years of dedicated service.

Madelyn Willis was the librarian at the Doddridge County Library in West Union for 21 years. During this time she oversaw the remodeling of their present library, which is the restored opera house, and guided the building of a branch library at Center Point. Both of these projects were completed in 1978. She was responsible for establishing a large print collection and a much-used genealogy section. Each year her library has ranked first or second in the state in circulation based on county populations. Madelyn's able assistant, Betty Hunt, has taken over as head librarian, and we at Alpha wish them both the best of luck.

Nancy Curry was the librarian at the Ritchie County Library in Harrisville for 23 years. Nancy saw her library grow from a small store-front building to its present location, a vital library just bursting at the seams with every kind of information a patron would want. She also worked diligently in the building of a branch library in Pennsboro, which is much loved by the local children. Nancy was very involved in all aspects of the community and the patrons will surely miss her. Jan White, who has been her assistant for several years, will take over as librarian.

---By Charlotte Caley

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#### PUBLISHING PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

Danny L. McMillion, Branch Manager at Marmet and Glasgow Public Libraries, Kanawha County Public Library System, is the author of "Librarianship -- West Virginia Style" in Public Libraries, Vol. 27, No. 2 (Summer 1988).

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#### DAVIS AND ELKINS

Clarence Coffindaffer has been named Library Director at Davis and Elkins College.

## PEOPLE, Continued

### MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

Josephine Fidler has been appointed to the position of Interim Library Director at Marshall University for a period of two years beginning August, 1988. She has been Head of Technical Services since 1981. Prior to that position, she served as Acquisitions Librarian, Bibliographer, Assistant Cataloger and instructor in the Department of Library Science.

Ms. Fidler was Head Librarian at Alderson-Broadus College from 1957-62 and Assistant Librarian at Glenville State College from 1955-57.

She is a graduate of Glenville State College and earned her MLS from Indiana University. During her career she has been actively involved in professional organizations having served as President of the West Virginia Library Association, 1972-73 and is currently chair of the Bylaws Committee.

Dr. Kenneth Slack, retired Director of Marshall University Libraries, has been named Curator of the Rosanna A. Blake Collection of Confederate Imprints.

Dawn Puglisi, former Head of Public Services, Marshall University Library, has resigned to accept a position as a Liason Officer for OCLC, Inc. She will be working with institutions who currently use OCLC products, as well as those considering adding new or additional products. Her territory includes the state of West Virginia.

Eugene Fleisher, former Circulation Librarian, Marshall University, has accepted a position in the Circulation Department at Villanova University.

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Perri Pokorney, formerly librarian at Blennerhassett Junior High School and chairman of the school section of the West Virginia Library Association, has taken a new position as Elementary Librarian in the Hamilton Local School District near Columbus, Ohio.

Elizabeth Wills, librarian at Marsh Fork Middle School in Raleigh County, has become the new head of the school section.

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### MARION COUNTY HAS NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Mike McClung, a graduate of West Virginia University, joined the staff of the Marion County Public Library in May as reference Librarian/assistant director. In addition to a degree in history, McClung has five years in the U.S. Navy



#### KANAWHA COUNTY PUBLIC

In July Lois Leasure was promoted to Reference Supervisor of the Kanawha County Public Library. She has been employed with KCPL since 1979 and has worked in both the extension and reference departments. She has a MLS from the University of Maryland in College Park and a BA from Frostburg College in Maryland.

David A. Schau was recently hired as branch librarian for the Dunbar Public Library. He has a MLS from Clarion University of Pennsylvania, a MA in Education from Edinboro University in Pennsylvania and a BA in social studies from Gannon College in Erie, Pennsylvania. Schau most recently worked as the bookmobile services librarian for the Ozark Regional Library in Missouri, managing a four county bookmobile operation.

Alice B. Riecks began duties as branch librarian at the Cross Lanes Public Library in early September. She had been employed as a part-time reference librarian with KCPL. Riecks has a MLS degree from the University of Maryland, a MA in Humanities from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies and a BA in English from the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

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#### WVU NAMES DEAN OF LIBRARIES

West Virginia University officials Wednesday named Ruth Moore Jackson, assistant director of libraries at the University of North Florida, as dean of WVU libraries. WVU provost Frank Franz said Jackson will be responsible for the development and management of the 2.5 million volumes and microforms in the Charles C. Wise Jr. Library and its nine branches on three campuses. Jackson will also oversee the West Virginia and Regional History Collection containing about 4.5 million manuscript items. She will begin her new duties November 15th.

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#### SHILL KEYNOTES NTIS USERS CONFERENCE

Dr. Harold B. Shill, head librarian of the Evansdale Library at West Virginia University, gave the keynote address at the fifth annual NTIS user's conference April 20th in the Mumford Room, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Dr. Shill spoke on "Developments in Federal Information Dissemination." The talk included how the information infrastructure is set up, uses of government information, environmental pressures on information dissemination (political, economic, etc.), specific developments enhancing and restricting access to government information, future scenarios, and the role of the information user. Approximately 120 people attended this free conference which was designed to provide representatives of the library and information community and other interested persons an opportunity to meet NTIS program managers, receive updated information about NTIS products and services, and discuss future user requirements and ideas. Dr. Shill represented the West Virginia University Libraries and the Association of College and Research Libraries. Both are members of the NTIS Library Liason Network.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS, GRACE ALICE MARTIN, passed from this life on November 18, 1987, at the age of 87 years; and

WHEREAS, she was a native daughter of Shinnston, a direct descendant of the Shinn family who founded Shinnston, and a longtime resident of Shinnston; and

WHEREAS, she then moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she was an outstanding educator in the public school system until 1969 when she retired; and

WHEREAS, she returned to Shinnston and was a strong force in several volunteer projects in her native town; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin spearheaded the project that caused the Pearl Lowe Johnson homeplace to become the site of the present Lowe Public Library, was a member of the first library board, and was instrumental in raising thousands of dollars to remodel the residence to serve as a library; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous things in Shinnston that have been touched by her hand and spirit; and

WHEREAS, her passing and contributions should not go unrecognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lowe Library Board expresses their deep sorrow in the passing of GRACE ALLEN MARTIN -- lady, educator, tireless volunteer, native of Shinnston, and without a doubt one of the truly outstanding citizens of Shinnston, Harrison County, West Virginia and our nation.

AND FURTHER, direct that the original of this resolution be properly framed and a copy of this resolution be presented to her brother, John H. Martin, and to her sister, Lillian M. Boggess.

GIVEN under our hands in the Town of Shinnston, this the 17th day of May, 1988.

Floyd R. Fullen, Chairman

Agnes R. Starcher, V. Chr.

Kathryn A. DeMary, Treasurer

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## BOOKMOBILE DRIVER CARRIES ON TRADITION

By Dennis Shumaker  
Reprinted from  
Sunday News-Register

Heredity is being linked to something. Baldness. Intelligence. Driving a bookmobile. Driving a bookmobile?

Wheeling resident Charles Hoyt, 32, is the newest driver of the Ohio County Public Library Bookmobile. Yet it is nothing new for a Hoyt to be driving a bookmobile. Charles' grandfather, the late Harry Hoyt, drove it from 1955 to 1969. The younger Hoyt took over at the wheel three months ago after serving a hitch in the U.S. Air Force.

"I came home, was helping around the house and this opening came up, so I sent in my resume," he said. "I guess they liked the fact that my grandfather drove it too."

Grandfather Hoyt, who died in 1974, was well-known in the area for what he drove. "He was real big on it," Hoyt said. "I can remember that it was 'his' bookmobile.

Driving the bookmobile is a full-time job, he said. It is usually on the road seven hours a day and it travels up to 30 miles per weekday, depending on the stops it makes, Hoyt said.

Approximately 3,000 books, 150-300 of which are circulated daily, are inside the small customized truck, he said. The bookmobile brings browsing to schools, places where elderly persons live, shopping centers and other locations which become centers of literature with only the application of an emergency brake. The bookmobile carries a cross-section of reading material, fiction and nonfiction, including how-to books, best sellers, autobiographies, joke books and on and on, Hoyt said.

"It is a lot for a small truck," he said, "If somebody wants a book not on the bookmobile, we will take a request. If the library has it, the person will get it, even if we have to buy it."

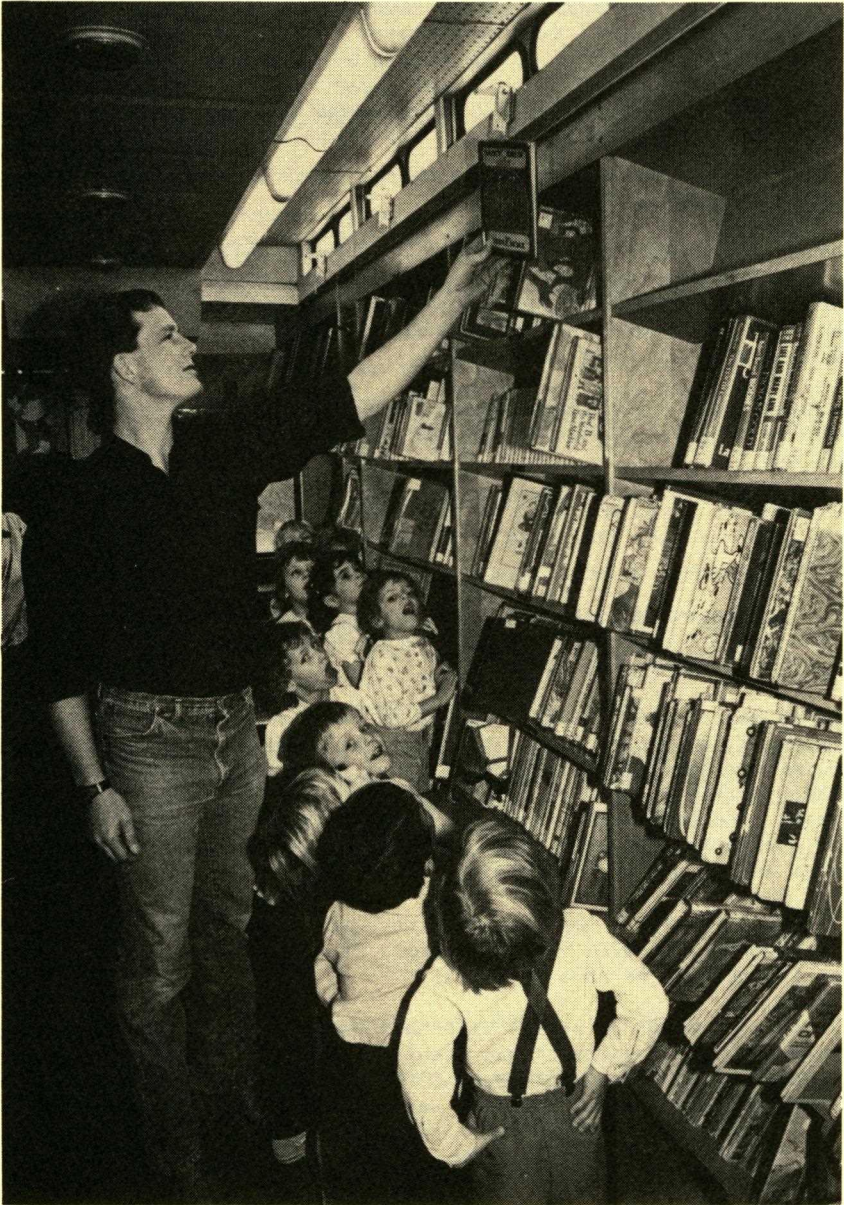
The current model is a 1974 International Harvester with an interior by Gertsenslaugher, a Lancaster, Ohio, vehicle interior designing firm. It is the third bookmobile in Ohio County Public Library history. The county had the first such vehicle in West Virginia, beginning the "movement" in 1935.

The current model cost \$25,000 and was made possible through a gift from the Benedum Foundation, according to Ernie Kallay, director of the Ohio County Public Library. Without it, some people in outlying areas would not have access to library services, he said.

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BOOKMOBILE DRIVER CARRIES ON TRADITION



Charles Hoyt, a new driver for the Ohio County Public Library bookmobile, carries on a family tradition as he helps 3 and 4 year old youngsters at the Bethlehem Montessori School obtain the right books. His grandfather was a bookmobile driver from 1955 to 1969. (Photo by Art Limann)

## WEST LIBERTY LIBRARIAN HAS UNIQUE STYLE OF PAINTING PORTRAITS IN HISTORY

---Reprinted from the News-Register  
Sunday, May 2, 1988

When she's not the assistant reference librarian at West Liberty State College, Jeanne Schramm may be Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Mother Jones or Harriet Beecher Stowe. In fact, she may show up as any one of seven women she portrays in her one-woman shows that have won her a place in "The Sourcebook for Women Who Create," published recently by the Center for Women's Studies at West Virginia University.

Schramm, who is one of the five women profiled in the theater section of the book, began acting in 1979 as the result of some research she was doing about the newly minted Susan B. Anthony dollar. In anticipation of being deluged by requests for information about Anthony by students doing term papers, she gathered together all of the information about the woman she could find.

But, to her surprise, no one was interested enough in Anthony to seek any of the information Schramm had collected. So Schramm began reading the material herself and became intrigued by the person revealed in the letters, speeches and articles.

Schramm was so fascinated by her reading, in fact, that she put together a one-woman show in which she portrayed Anthony using the famous feminist's own words. Even though Schramm had never had any previous training or experience in the theater, her shows met with phenomenal success and she began to research other women and devised shows based on their lives and personalities.

Since her first Anthony show, Schramm has been swamped with more than 200 invitations to take her show to 14 different states. Schramm's current repertoire includes Barton, Dorothea Dix, Jane Addams, Mother Jones, Stowe, Julia Ward Howe, and, of course, Anthony. Schramm says she has a definite criteria for picking characters for her show.

"When I'm choosing a character to portray, I try to pick shakers and movers, women who have really accomplished something. And I like to choose characters from the 19th century, women who were involved in social issues of the time --- slavery, women's rights, peace, mental health, social work and labor," she said.

"I also try to select women who essentially worked alone, women who, when faced with incredible odds, were able to make a difference. Hopefully, those who attend a performance are getting (in addition to a history lesson) inspiration as to what can be achieved by a single, determined individual."

Schramm also believes that anyone who attends a performance is "hearing authentic history" because she uses only the actual words of the woman she is portraying. "I read everything --- their letters, speeches, articles, autobiographies, everything. I then extract those passages which I feel are particularly meaningful. And the woman's writings must do one of three things to





Jeanne Schramm as Mother Mary Jones

me: make my heart beat faster; bring tears to my eyes; or send chills up my spine. It is my intent then to transfer some of this emotion to the audience.

Despite her lack of formal training in the theater, Schramm has received rave reviews everywhere she has performed and her shows have been described as "eloquent," "flawless," "truly convincing," and "spellbinding."

Schramm said she developed her acting experience by watching professionals work and by adhering to Marlon Brando's advice to "make it appear as though you have no idea what you're going to say next." In February, Schramm performed at the Governor's Mansion in Charleston at the invitation of first lady Shelly Moore, and she was recently the only West Virginian included in "101 Ways to Celebrate Women in History," published by the National Women's History Project in Santa Rosa, California.

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Jeanne Schramm as Susan B. Anthony

Editor's Note: Ms. Schramm has been a reference librarian at West Liberty since 1972. She has a B.S. from the University of Delaware, a M.S. from the University of Tennessee and a M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh. She is married to Robert Schramm, Associate Professor of Physics and Physical Science at West Liberty State College and has two children, Adriane, 13, and Darian, 11.



WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 17, 1988

HOLIDAY INN -----PARKERSBURG

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JIM FIELDS, PRESIDENT  
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YVONNE FARLEY, WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES

President Fields called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M. A correction to the minutes [distributed] was noted. The SELA conference will be held in Norfolk, not Atlanta. Rebecca VanDerMeer moved and Judy Rule seconded that the amended minutes be approved. Passage was unanimous.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT

The association currently has on hand \$1,741.68 in checking and \$11, 896.46 in the savings accounts for total assets of \$13,638.15. Two lines in the budget are currently overexpended - membership (for supplies) and the SELA Delegate (conference expenses). A list of checks written by the treasurer was distributed. It was noted that a small profit was made on the Library Appreciation Day Dinner. Tom Brown moved and REbecca D'Annunzio seconded the transfer of \$200 from line 5043 (membership computer) to line 5041 (membership committee). Passage was unanimous. Rebecca D'Annunzio moved and Perri Pokorney seconded the approval of the Treasurer's Report including the list of written checks (2933-3033). Passage was unanimous.

II. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Vice-President noted that 4 or 5 new members had joined since the compilation of his report which indicated that 1988 membership is currently 491 [JMRT - 30, SCHOOL - 51, COLLEGE -70, TRUSTEES - 141, FRIENDS - 50, SPECIAL LIBRARIES - 29 and PUBLIC LIBRARIES - 272]. A discussion was held re-

garding the cost-effectiveness of \$5.00 memberships. The consensus was that these memberships were cost-effective and important. Other concerns were expressed by the Vice-President which were addressed subsequently in the meeting.

### III. SECTION REPORTS

#### A. College and University

The section workshop was held on May 19th at West Virginia State College and attended by 30 academic librarians. The topic was "Research, Writing and Publishing for Academic Librarians." Three small regional workshops are planned for various sites around the state. The section directory is being updated. Program suggestions for the annual conference have been made.

#### B. Friends Section

The second issue of the section newsletter was distributed -- the third issue is currently being prepared. Some friends groups have seen hard times and disbanded or become inactive. However, there currently exists a membership of over 12,900 friends groups around the state who have raised over \$46,000 during the past year.

#### C. JUNIOR MEMBERS ROUND TABLE

The written report filed noted that the Spring Workshop held on May 6-7 was a success. Adrienne Worthy of Kanawha County Public Library is chairing the section nominating committee. The Special Libraries Section and JMRT are co-sponsoring a conference speaker. They plan to invite David E. Butt to speak on staff motivation. Plans are being made for a newsletter to be published sometime in the summer.

#### D. Public Libraries

The joint spring workshop was a success --- 37 registrants and \$1,153 in fees collected. Speakers were well-received and accommodations at Cedar Lakes were highly recommended.

#### E. School Libraries

The joint workshop on April 21-23 with WVEMA in Morgantown was a success. It was suggested that further joint endeavors be held. The section slate for next year is Elizabeth Wills (Beckley), Chair; Linda Taft (Morgantown), Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect; and Sandy Myers (Paden City), Secretary. Plans are being made for Dr. Jerry Mallet, a reading specialist, to speak at the conference. An ideas exchange will also be held. The current fiscal crisis in secondary education was discussed including its effect upon school libraries and effective library programs. An informal advisory group has met to discuss these problems and has addressed their concerns to State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Tom McNeel. This group also plans to urge school librarians to become more proactive in the future. A special workshop on "Information Power" including information on the new school library-media standards



will be held on November 5th at Blennerhassett Junior High School in Parkersburg.

TOM BROWN MOVED AND ELLEN WILKERSON SECONDED THAT THE PRESIDENT BE DIRECTED TO WRITE A LETTER TO STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS MCNEEL AFFIRMING THE VALUE OF A SOUNDLY FINANCED AND ADMINISTERED SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM [in effect, noting displeasure with funding and staff reductions]. Passage was unanimous.

#### F. Special Libraries

The joint workshop was a great success. Plans are being made to secure a conference speaker.

#### G. Trustees

The section is in the process of setting up regional workshops in three areas of the state (Western Counties region, northern panhandle, and Richwood). Other libraries interested in workshops which deal with orientation toward policies and problems should contact the chairperson.

### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Conference

Eleven (11) exhibitors have agreed to attend the conference. Keynote speakers will include Gail Galloway Adams and Rick Sowash ("Looking for Mr. Goodbook"). Chuck Julian moved and Pam Ford seconded that an honorarium of \$300 plus mileage be paid to Mr. Sowash. Passage was unanimous. The Trustees Section are attempting to schedule both gubernatorial candidates at the conference. Persons interested in submitting questions to ask them should contact Ellen Wilkerson.

#### B. Legislative - NO REPORT

#### C. Marketing

The committee is working on a new design utilizing the slogan "Just Say Know."

#### D. National Library Week

Steve Crowley has left the state and resigned the committee. Rick Wilson will assume the duties of chair.

#### E. Auditing Committee

The committee audited the records and recommended that a more consistent approach be made toward the inclusion of vouchers for each expenditure. They also recommended that the refund policy be printed on conference registration forms. Dave Childers was commended for his fine handling of association accounts and his cooperation with the committee. Judy Rule moved and Leo Roe seconded the approval of the auditing committee

report with special thanks to Dave Childers for a job well done!  
Passage was unanimous.

#### F. Nominating Committee

The slate for 1988-89 is:

First Vice-President/President Elect:

Tom Brown (Concord/Bluefield Colleges)

Sara Thompson Walker (St. Albans Public)

Second Vice-President:

Peggy Bias (Putnam County Library)

Lois Thompson (Marion County Public Library)

It was suggested that the membership be notified of the slate via the first conference mailing to be sent in early July. Chuck Julian moved and Judy Rule seconded the approval of the nominating committee's report. Passage was unanimous.

#### V. Other Reports

##### A. ALA Councilor

A report was given on the success of Legislative Day held in Washington, D.C. West Virginia Congressmen were commended for their support of library legislation. The councilor noted a mistake in her report printed in West Virginia Libraries. The error was in she was "not able to attend any of the meetings." The councilor attended all meetings.

##### B. Department of Education

It was noted that officially the state school library-media position is vacant. Jeanne Moellendick has been reassigned to satellite and distance learning programs. She will officially and unofficially handle school library-media issues until a replacement is appointed. Cutbacks and budgetary problems plaguing school libraries were reiterated. Ms. Moellendick also explained her role in writing a grant proposal for the Star Schools Telecommunications Program.

##### C. Library Commission

Funding levels for next year are still uncertain until the Legislative mandate can be carefully examined and digested. Grants-in-aid will probably remain at current levels.

##### D. MARLF

The spring meeting was held and new officers elected. Ernie Kallay is the new MARLF Vice-President. Recently workshops have been conducted in member states. The Virginia Library Association has expressed some preliminary interest in joining MARLF. The association has asked that



WVLA appoint two additional representatives.

E. SELA

A report was made on the Leadership Meeting held March 25-26 and attended by Rebecca D'Annunzio, Yvonne Farley, and Karen Goff. The annual conference will be held October 26-29, 1988 in Norfolk, Virginia. It was indicated that the meeting was very useful to all who attended.

F. West Virginia Libraries

New features have been added to the journal. Everyone is encouraged to contribute news and other pertinent items. The editor would like to produce issues on a microcomputer. She plans to attend a special discussion group meeting at the ALA annual conference.

Perri Pokorney moved and Rebecca VanDerMeer seconded that the editor be paid her honorarium for the spring issue. Passage was unanimous.

G. Federal Relations Coordinator - No Report

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Membership Computer

After considerable discussion, the President appointed an Ad-Hoc membership computer committee to explore the feasibility of purchasing an association microcomputer for processing membership data. Members of the committee are Tom Brown, Dave Childers, and yvonne Farley. They were directed to have their recommendations ready for the next executive board meeting.

B. Mailing Label Policy

Tom Brown moved and Dave Childers seconded that the association make mailing labels available to those wishing to utilize them in non-commercial venture. Passage was unanimous.

Tom Brown moved and Leo Roe seconded that labels be supplied to non-profit, library-related groups and that labels be made available to personal members through section chairpersons [subject to the above approved restrictions]. Passage was unanimous.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 11:57 A.M. BUSINESS RESUMED AT 12:15 P.M.

C. Library of America Grants

The president will pursue the possibility of securing matching funding from the Humanities Foundation [\$250 of a required \$500 contribution] on behalf of libraries which wish to participate in the Library of America grant program.

#### D. Conference Registration Fee Waiver for Invited Guests

Tom Brown moved and Judy Rule seconded that the conference registration fees be waived for special person invited as guests of the association. Passage was unanimous.

#### E. Charges for Interlibrary Loans

The president indicated that he would appoint a committee to examine issues and make recommendations related to current interlibrary loan policies and procedures.

#### F. Contract with Huntington Museum of Art

Chuck Julian moved and Rebecca VanDer Meer seconded that the proposed contract with the Huntington Museum of Art for a Wine and Cheese reception to be held on October 14th, 1988 at a cost of \$3.00 per person be executed and that necessary arrangements for trolley bus transportation be made. Passage was unanimous.

### VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

#### A. Payment of Fees for attendance at ALA Convention

Rebecca VanDerMeer moved and Ernie Kallay seconded that expenses not to exceed \$100 be paid to Rebecca D'Annunzio for attendance at the upcoming ALA conference (\$75.00 registration and \$25 chapter relations meeting fee). It was suggested that the monies be taken from the Contingency fund and that Ms. D'Annunzio file a report on the meeting with the executive board at its next meeting. Passage was unanimous.

#### B. Honoraria -- Speakers paid by Multiple Sections

Rebecca D'Annunzio moved and Chuck Julian seconded that a cap of \$500 per per section not to be exceeded in providing honoraria and expenses for speakers. Passage was unanimous.

#### C. Auditing Committee Recommendations -- Refund Policy

Referred to Conference Committee.

### IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDANCE

#### A. Extension Classes - University of Kentucky

It is unlikely that future classes will be held. Satellite technology holds some promise for subsequent offerings in the state.

#### B. Resignation - Intellectual Freedom Committee Chairperson

Ginny Orvedahl has left the state and resigned her position as Chairperson of the Intellectual Freedom Committee.



C. Resignation - Constitution and ByLaws Committee

Bill Mueller has left the state and resigned his position on the Constitution and ByLaws Committee.

D. Next Meeting

SEPTEMBER 9 - 1st Choice - Clarksburg

2nd Choice - Charleston

There being no further business, Tom Brown moved and Rebecca VanDerMeer seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Passage was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 12:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Julian, Secretary

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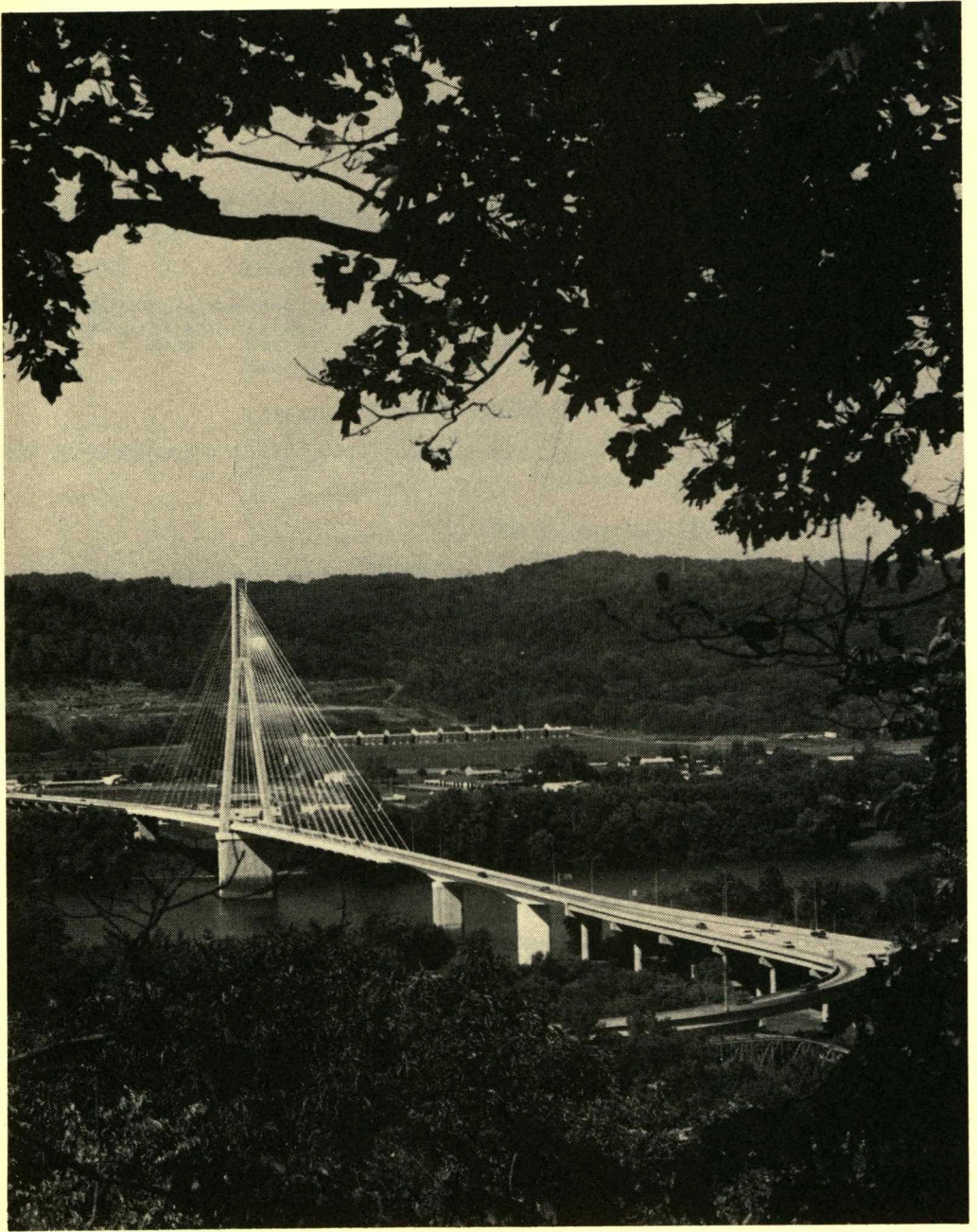
LATCHKEY PAPER AVAILABLE FROM ALA

"Latchkey Children in the Public Library" has been published by the Public Library Association (PLA) and the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). The 60-page book is \$20.

The guidebook "details a model policy development process, suggests programs to meet the needs of this new clientele and their parents within a strong child welfare conceptual framework, and offers suggestions to prevent public libraries from becoming part of, rather than a solution to, the problem of unsupervised children." A bibliography is also included. Order from ALA Order Dept., 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

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WVLA SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings and programs will be held in meeting rooms on the second floor of the Radisson.

Please consult the second floor lobby board for exact locations of meetings.

Thursday, October 13

- 9:00-11:45 am WVLAN (West Virginia Library Automation Network), Cabell County Public Library Meeting Room #1; Pre-registration required.
- 12:00 Noon Opening of Exhibit Hall, Welcoming address by Robert R. Nelson, Mayor of the City of Huntington. Snack lunch in exhibit area.
- 12:15-1:30 pm WVLA Executive Board Meeting
- 1:00-2:30 pm "Trustees and Librarians: Who Does What?"; sponsored by the Trustee section
- JMRT Membership meeting
- 2:00-3:00 pm "Education -- the Answer", Dr. Dale Nitzschke, President of Marshall University; sponsored by the College and University Section
- 3:15-4:15 pm "Motivating Children to Read Through Humor", Dr. Jerry Mallett, Professor of Education, Findlay College; sponsored by the School Library and Public Library Sections
- 4:30-5:50 pm First General Session, brief business meeting and "Legislative Update", Carol Henderson, ALA Washington Office
- 5:50-7:30 pm Dinner on your own
- 7:30-10:30 pm Exhibitors' social -- Exhibit Hall
- 10:30-???? Time to check-out Huntington's nightlife



Collis P. Huntington (at left) who founded the City of Huntington. Photo reprinted from Huntington: An Illustrated History by James E. Casto.

Friday, October 14

- 9:00-10:00 am "Facts on FAX: Present and Future Applications", Mike Hall  
Quorum Corporation
- 9:00-10:30 am OCLC Users' Group "Hardware and Software Updates", presenters:  
David Wright, Micro-computer Services Manager, PRLC, and  
Betty Anderson, Library Services Manager, PRLC; sponsored  
by the College and University Section
- 9:30-11:00 am "Ask the Politicians", panel of gubernatorial candidates/  
representatives and chairs of Senate and House Finance  
committees; sponsored by the Trustee Section
- 11:00 am - 12:00 Noon "Literacy and Libraries: a Natural"; speaker, Pamela Makri-  
costa, Literacy Coordinator, Mary H. Weir Library Literacy  
program; sponsored by JMRT and the Special Libraries Section
- Library Directors Interest Group; presiding, Judy Rule, Di-  
rector, Cabell County Public Library and Linda Wright, Di-  
rector, Kanawha County Public Library; sponsored by the  
Public Library Section
- Poster Session on Programming Ideas for Children and Young  
Adults; sponsored by Public Library Section, Interest  
Group for Youth
- 12:15-1:45 pm Second General Session; Luncheon; speaker, Rick Sowash:  
"Looking for Mr. Goodbook: How Will I Choose the 2500 Books  
I Will Read During the Rest of My Life?" Recognition of  
past presidents of WVLA
- 2:00-3:15 pm "Problem Solving for Libraries Statewide"; sponsored by the  
Trustee Section
- Author Program and Discussion Group; featuring Beverly Van  
Hook author of the Supergranny series; discussion leader,  
Jim Horan, Junior Services Coordinator, Cabell County Public  
Library; sponsored by the Public Library Section, Interest  
Group for Youth
- 2:00-3:00 pm Meeting, State of West Virginia Advisory Council on Libraries
- 3:15-4:30 pm "Librarians in the Post-Industrial Age: Crisis and Contro-  
versy", Dr. Michael Harris, Professor of Library and In-  
formation Sciences, University of Kentucky; sponsored by  
the College and University Section
- "Staff Motivation", Dr. David Butt, professor of Speech,  
Pennsylvania State University, sponsored by the JMRT and  
the Special Libraries Section



5:00-7:00 pm      Conference Reception; Huntington Museum of Art; free trolley bus transportation provided to and from conference site

7:30-9:30 pm      Third General Session; Awards Banquet; Speaker, Gail Galloway Adams, Award-winning West Virginia Author

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Saturday, October 15

9:00-9:45 am      Section business meetings; College & University, School, Public, Special, and Trustee Sections

9:30-11:00 am      "How to Win Friends and Influence People (or What Dale Carnegie Doesn't Teach)"; Friends Section Program and Business meeting

10:00-11:15 am      Intellectual Freedom Committee  
Organizational Meeting, Facilitator, Matt Onion, Coordinator of Reference Services, Cabell County Public Library

                     "Desk-Top Publishing: State of the Art"; speaker, Gary Chapman, co-owner and manager, Computerland

                     "Investments Workshop"; presenter, Tim McGhee, Wheats Securities; sponsored by the Special Libraries Section

11:30-12:30      Fourth General Session, speaker, Fred Glazer, Director, WVLC, "The State of the State's Libraries"

Exhibits open Thursday 12:00 Noon-5:00 pm and 7:30 pm-10:30 pm  
Friday 8:00 am-3:00 pm continental Breakfast will be offered in the Exhibit Area

Registration/membership open      Thursday 10:00 am-4:00 pm  
   Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm  
   Saturday 8:30 am-9:30 am

Special Guests:

Pat Scarry, Director, ALA Chapter Relations Office  
Kitty Hurry, President of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Library Federation (MARLF)

## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Jerry J. Mallett, Ed.D.

Dr. Mallett will be speaking on Thursday afternoon. A professor of Education at Findlay College in Findlay, Ohio, he teaches courses in reading, language arts and children's literature. He gives approximately 100 speeches a year to state, regional, and national conferences on education and to YoungAuthors' conferences. He is on the Editorial Advisory Board for The Primary Teacher's Ready-To-Use Activities Program, a past editor of The Reading Clinic and a past contributing editor of Ohio Reading Teacher. He was presented with the Distinguished Educator Award in 1983 by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and also received the Ohio Independent Colleges and Universities Award for Outstanding Teacher in 1987. Dr. Mallett has had 39 books published.

Rick Sowash

The luncheon speaker on Friday, Mr. Sowash will give a pep talk for readers. Originally a keynote address for a conference of the Ohio Library Association, this talk will explore the mechanisms we use in choosing what to read next over a lifetime. Mr. Sowash began his first term as a County Commissioner for Richland County, Ohio on January 1, 1987. Prior to entering public service, he was best known as founding executive director of Mansfield's Renaissance Theater. Under his leadership the dilapidated movie house blossomed into the community's outstanding cultural asset. Under his five-year tenure, annual revenues soared from zero to over half a million dollars and \$2.5 million was raised for capital improvements. For the first time in history, Mansfield began hosting big-name entertainers, such as Bill Cosby, Bob Hope, Andy Williams, Itzhak Perlman, Henry Mancini, Johnny Cash, Donny and Marie and more. He says of himself, "My talks encourage people to create environments that will nourish them, both as individuals and as communities."

Gail Galloway Adams

Ms. Adams, who teaches at West Virginia University, won the 1987 Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction and is co-editor of the publication Women Who Create. With a B.A. degree from the University of Texas at Austin, she studied also at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. Her master's degree is in American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin and her Ph.D. work was done at Emory University in Atlanta. Ms. Adams is married to Timothy Adams who received his Ph.D. in American Literature. He is an associate professor at WVU in the English Department where she is an adjunct assistant professor. She is a permanent staff member of the Wildacres Writers Conference in North Carolina where she does a short story workshop. She received a Breadloaf (Writer's Conference) Scholarship for fiction.



### 1989 "Ask A Professional Campaign Book Available

The 1989 Library Publicity Campaign Book is now available from ALA Graphics. The 1989 book is a complete guide for planning a national Library Week Campaign with the theme "Ask A Professional. Ask Your Librarian."

Program ideas, clip art and sample releases, editorials, proclamations and letters for promoting all types of librarians are included, with sections devoted to public, school, academic and special librarians.

The 48-page book is \$6 from ALA Graphics, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Other National Library Week materials were previewed at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. They include: four posters, bookmarks with and without the national Library Week dates, stickers, and radio and television public service announcements. All are available from ALA Graphics.

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In 1975, the Merritt Fund became a separate entity, governed by three trustees elected by its member contributors. At this point, its scope was broadened to include, in addition to the above purpose, librarians "discriminated against on the basis of sex, sexual preference, race, color, creed, age, physical handicap, or place of national origin, and/or denied employment rights."

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\*A Massachusetts public librarian, fired for physical limitations caused by illness, received \$500 for medical and living expenses.

\*A Canadian university librarian, who filed a discrimination charge based on race, color, or national origin with the province human right commission, received \$1,000 for legal fees.

\*A blind Texas librarian received \$1,000 for computer equipment to assist in becoming reemployable.

\*A New York public librarian received \$2,000 to assist in legal fees after filing a case of discrimination with the state human rights commission.

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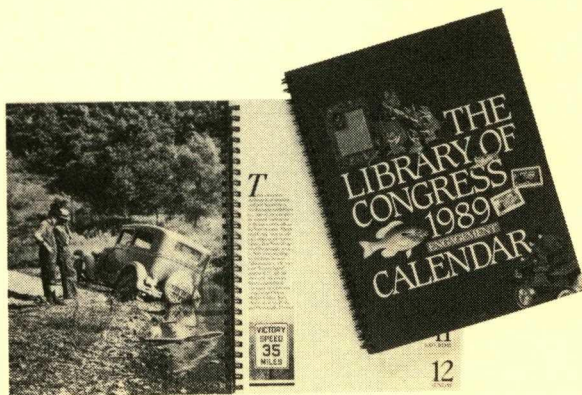
Library administrators setting salaries, librarians seeking employment, personnel officers studying compensation trends, and persons concerned with equitable pay for librarians will consult this survey for useful information on salaries paid to academic and public librarians in specific library positions.

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## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CALENDAR

The fifth edition of the Library of Congress Engagement Calendar is published. This year's 70 images include a portrait by Rembrandt; a porcineograph; 1 15th-century print of the universe; Buster Brown playing cards; the first X-ray; Peruvian and Columbian whistles; a bat roost; a Martha Graham photo; angels and lovers; a crazy quilt and much more. The calendar also contains a valuable 10-page supplement which outlines how to access and order material from the Library, including new books, braille, recordings, photographs and posters. The calendar retails at \$10.95, but is available at special discounts to library people and friends of libraries. It can be ordered from Galison Books, 25 West 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036. Six copies or more are available for \$5.50 plus shipping and handling (\$.50 each).



# Kid Stuff

## THE HILLBILLY PUMPKIN

There once was a pumpkin so full of pity  
He was a hillbilly new in the city.  
He didn't know how to trick-or-treat,  
but he thought trick-or-treating might be neat.  
He didn't know so he asked his pal.  
"I can't do this. I don't know how.  
What do you say when you reach the door?  
Just trick-or-treat and nothing more?"  
It's just about time for this poem to be done,  
But Halloween Night the Hillbilly Pumpkin had loads of fun.

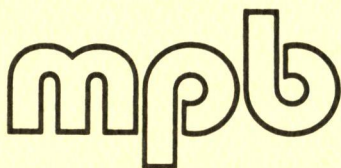


By Julie Busco

(From "Write for Fright '87", an anthology of scary stories and poems collected by young authors from the Tri-State area.)

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